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(b) whether it is a fact that the Forest Department permitted the free concession subject to the limitation that 44 varieties of trees should not be touched by the concessionees; and

(c) what other varieties fit for building purposes were available within the area of the forest prescribed in the order granting the concession?

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A.—(a) Yes. There was an application from the owners of 55 houses for free grants for rebuilding their houses destroyed by fire. The Collector allowed the concession to 49 persons.

(b) It is not strictly accurate to state that 44 varieties of trees were barred. In accordance with the existing rules on the subject, the free grantees were permitted to cut such trees as they liked save those of classes I and II.

Classes I and II together number 39 species.

(c) Other varieties available for the purpose were—

Cleistanthus collinus.	Aegle marmelos.
Bridelia retusa.	Diospyros ulinda.
Terminalia belerica.	Albizzia amara.
Acacia arabica.	Premna tomentosa.
Erythroxylon monogyna.	Limonia acidissima.
Premna latifolia.	Atlantia monophylla, etc.

In addition, bamboos and grass could be taken.

APPENDIX X.

[Vide answer to question No. 795 asked by Mr. G. Harisavottama Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 21st October 1927, page 333 supra.]

479 Q.—MR. G. HARISAVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. B. Ponnayya, B.A., Ranger in Cumbum taluk, died under peculiar circumstances, while in the process of handing over charge in September last;

(b) whether an enquiry was made into the matter by the District Magistrate; and

(c) whether any action has been taken in pursuance thereof or of any other enquiry; if so, what action has been taken?

A.—(a) Ranger B. Ponnayya committed suicide on 12th September 1926 while in process of handing over charge of his range. Enquiry showed that this act was due to mental depression owing to his having been placed under suspension.

(b) & (c) No.